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MEMORANDUM

TO: LME Directors

FROM: Leza Wainwright 

RE: CDW Changes

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has added new data items on the "Frequency of attendance at self-help programs" to the national Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS) admission and discharge systems. Specifications for these new National Outcome Measures (NOMS) data element measures have now been approved and added as required data fields for states to submit to TEDS in support of the Substance Abuse Block Grant. The Division's Consumer Data Warehouse (CDW) must now be modified to accommodate this new set of reporting requirements which become effective July 1, 2010.

Highlights of the changes include:

- (1) The increase of the Demographics record (record type 11, 31, 81) length from 108 bytes to 158 bytes. This is to allow for future expansion/changes.
- (2) The addition of the data item, Frequency of attendance at self-help programs, has been added to the Demographics record (record type 11, 31, 81).
- (3) The addition of the data item, Frequency of attendance at self-help programs, has been added to the Consumer Episode Completion (Discharge) Details record (record type 12, 32, 82).

A complete detailing of all changes may be found in the new CDW Data Dictionary Version 1.10 and the new CDW Technical Specification Version 1.12. These documents may be found on the Division's public web page using the following link:
<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/statpublications/manualsforms/index.htm#manuals>



Please review the new data dictionary and technical specifications carefully. If you have questions or need additional information please contact Deborah Merrill at Deborah.Merrill@dhhs.nc.gov or Jeannette Barham at Jeannette.Barham@dhhs.nc.gov

Thank you for supporting the Division's efforts to collect the necessary information to respond to Federal and Legislative requests for data.

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